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BUDGET PROVIDES MORE SCHOOLS

TO OPEN 93 NEW SCHOOLS -- Bashkimi, No 1630, 16 Mar 50

According to Kahreman Ylli, Minister of Education, speaking before the People's Kuvend on 15 March, the 1950 budget provides 662,765,000 lek, or 33.9 percent more than last year, for education and culture. This year, 93 new schools will be built, 41 of them in places that have never had schools. Fifteen 7-year schools also will be built. In addition, 90 elementary and 7-year schools will be expanded.

The budget calls for an investment of 1,772,000 lek for teaching materials for schools.

The budget for local education amounts to 401,543,000 lek, or 29 percent more than in 1949. The budget for national education is 42 percent greater than last year's. It provides for 450 new scholarships for students in the various state boarding schools. In addition, measures have been taken to improve the living conditions, education, and recreation of the boarding-school students.

Besides orphans, 20 percent of the boarding-school students will receive clothing and shoes free this year, as compared to 10 percent previously. A sum of 3,400 lek, as compared to 2,600 previously, has been allocated for this purpose.

The Minister of Education pointed out that more trained personnel would be required for the educational and cultural program envisaged by the 1950 budget.

MORE SCHOOLS FOR ALBANIA -- Nova Borba, No 12, 1 Jul 50

In 1938-39 Albania had only 643 elementary schools with an enrollment of 52,000 pupils. At present, it has 2,130 elementary schools, which are attended by 183,000 pupils. Also 150 kindergartens for about 10,000 children have been opened.

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The 1950 state budget earmarked 663 million lek, or 54 percent more than in 1949, for schools and cultural improvement. This year, 90 elementary schools and Gymnasiums were enlarged, and more than 2 million lek was spent for school supplies.

Plans call for the construction of 93 elementary schools and Gymnasiums, especially in areas where no schools exist. This will bring the number of students in Albania to about 202,000.

DICTIONARIES IN PROGRESS -- Bashkimi, No 1633, 19 Mar 50

Work is continuing on a dictionary of the Albanian language. According to the report of Kol Paparisto, Secretary of the Sciences Institute, about 21,000 words have already been prepared. During 1949, 10,000 words were prepared for a Russian-Albanian dictionary, which will contain about 21,000 words when completed.

Work is also progressing toward the publication of an Albanian history from 1878 - 1939. Also, the Institute has undertaken to translate Pushkin's works into Albanian during 1950.

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